

from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: John H. Hill, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; and Calvin L. Scovel, III, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

## VETERANS' MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 797, Dr. James Allen Veteran Vision Equity Act; and H.R. 1284, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2007.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Impact of OIF/OEF on the VA Claims Process. Testimony was heard from Dan Bertoni, Acting Director—Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; Ronald R. Aument, Deputy Under Secretary, Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

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*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 612, Returning Servicemember VA Healthcare Insurance Act of 2007; and H.R. 327, Joshua Omvig Veterans Suicide Prevention Act.

## KATRINA REDEVELOPMENT TAX ISSUES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Katrina Redevelopment Tax Issues. Testimony was heard from Milton Bailey, President Housing Finance Agency, State of Louisiana; and a public witness.

## FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Facilities and Infrastructures. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Education and Labor to examine improving No Child Left Behind to close the achievement gap, relating to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorization, after receiving testimony from Georgia Governor Roy E. Barnes, Co-Chair, Commission on No Child Left Behind, Marietta; Elizabeth Burmaster, Wisconsin State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Madison, on behalf of the Council of Chief State School Officers; and Mike Casserly, Council of the Great City Schools, Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Edward J. McElroy, American Federation of Teachers, Arthur J. Rothkopf, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of

the Business Coalition for Student Achievement, Reg Weaver, National Education Association, and Chester E. Finn, Jr., Thomas B. Fordham Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Army, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine federal funding for the No Child Left Behind Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

*Committee on the Budget:* business meeting to consider the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for the fiscal year 2008, 2 p.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine charting a course for health care moving toward universal coverage, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine strategies to end the violence relating to extrajudicial killings in the Philippines, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider S. 624, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers, S. 657, to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, S. 845, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls, and the nomination of W. Craig Vanderwagen, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services. (New Position), Time to be announced, SD-430.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine enhancing patient access and drug safety relating to Prescription Drug User Fees, 10:15 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the threat of Islamic radicalism to the homeland, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine reinvigorating the Freedom of Information Act relating to open government, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* to hold hearings to examine S. 223, to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form, 10 a.m., SR-301.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, to continue on NASA, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies, on Science Research, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on National Archives and Records Administration, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Gulf Coast Rebuilding, 3 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Bureau of Land Management, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Department of Education: Student Financial Aid, Higher Education, Institute of Education Sciences, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies, on Long-Term Challenges for Military Construction and Budget Overview, 10:30 a.m., and on VA Research, 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Transportation, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on harnessing technology innovation: challenges and opportunities, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, to mark up H.R. 1429, Improving Head Start Act of 2007, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Climate Change and Energy Security: Perspectives from the Automobile Industry," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission," 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, oversight hearing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, hearing on the American Red Cross Governance Reform, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on Global Polling Data on Opinion of American Policies, Values and People, 2:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Emergency Communication, Preparedness, and Response, hearing entitled "Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grants: Are the Departments of Homeland Security and Commerce Effectively Coordinating to Meet our Nation's Emergency Communications Needs?" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity and Science and Technology, hearing entitled "Countering the Nuclear Threat to the Homeland: Evaluating the Procurement of Radiation Detection Technologies," 2 p.m., 1539 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security State and Local Fusion Center Program: Advancing Information Sharing While Safeguarding Civil Liberties," 3:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, hearing on H.R. 1433, District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2007, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, hearing on H.R. 1328, To amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 1362, Accountability in Contracting Act, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency Fiscal Year 2008 Research and Development Budget Proposal, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing entitled "Challenges and Solutions to Health Insurance Coverage for Small Businesses," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the Administration's Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Proposal, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to mark up the Water Resources Development Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, hearing on the Revenue Increasing Measures in the Small Business and Work Opportunity Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Genetic Non-Discrimination, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.